

The Heber Second-Fifth Ward Chapel dedicated December 26, 1915.

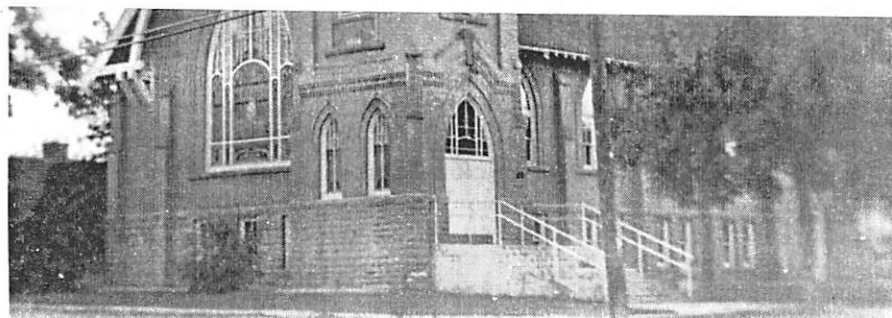
the first bishop of the ward. His service was to continue as bishop for 23 years. His counselors during those years included James H. Moulton, Henry L. McMullin, David A. Broadbent, Orson Moulton, T. Henry Moulton, William Clark Crook and Fredrick G. Carlile. Ward clerks were John W. Crook, William T. Hicken, Alfred Sharp and Owen F. Buell.

When the ward was organized they obtained permission to hold meetings in the old Social Hall, which was located on main street, just north of the Buell Store or the present Wasatch Market. The hall was rarely used since most community entertainment was held in the new Turner Opera House.

The old Social Hall proved a real boon to the ward, for there was a good sized stage in the west end, with dressing rooms and a gallery in the east end over the entrance foyer. The stage was the scene of many ward plays, operettas and special programs by the MIA, the Primary and other organizations. The benches in the main hall could be removed and stored under the stage to provide ample space for dancing. Because

HEBER SECOND WARD

When the new boundaries of the Heber Second Ward were established in the 1903 division, a special exception was made to include the premises of Joseph A. Rasband who lived on the east side of Main Street, for Brother Rasband had been selected by the Stake Presidency to be



The Heber Second-Fifth Ward Chapel dedicated December 26, 1915.

the first bishop of the ward. His service was to continue as bishop for 23 years. His counselors during those years included James H. Moulton, Henry L. McMullin, David A. Broadbent, Orson Moulton, T. Henry Moulton, William Clark Crook and Fredrick G. Carlile. Ward clerks were John W. Crook, William T. Hicken, Alfred Sharp and Owen F. Buell.

When the ward was organized they obtained permission to hold meetings in the old Social Hall, which was located on main street, just north of the Buell Store or the present Wasatch Market. The hall was rarely used since most community entertainment was held in the new Turner Opera House.

The old Social Hall proved a real boon to the ward, for there was a good sized stage in the west end, with dressing rooms and a gallery in the east end over the entrance foyer. The stage was the scene of many ward plays, operettas and special programs by the MIA, the Primary and other organizations. The benches in the main hall could be removed and stored under the gallery to provide ample space for dancing. Because of these facilities for worship and entertainment, the ward members met often for enjoyable events that united them and brought many new members into activity.

As the ward grew, the bishopric realized the need for a new building and so every opportunity was taken to raise money for the time when a new chapel could be started.

About 1913 the ward had opportunity to purchase the site of the old Methodist Church on the corner of Center and First West. The Methodists had erected the building in Heber in a proselyting effort, and

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

127

BISHOPS OF THE HEBER SECOND WARD



Thomas Hicken, Jr.



Joseph A. Rasband



H. Clay Cummings



Fredrick G. Carlile



Wendell L. Duke



Leonard Giles



N. C. Watson



Don L. Hicken

a Dr. Eyliff had come from Salt Lake City to spread the Methodist cause and conduct meetings. However, there was little response to his message and this only non-LDS venture in the valley collapsed. Members of the Second Ward bought the land, while members of the Center Creek Ward purchased the building and moved it to their community.

With property now available, Bishop Rasband called a group of brethren in the fall of 1913 to take their teams into Strawberry Valley and obtain lumber for the proposed building project. It was late in the fall when they got started, and they worked waist-deep in the snow at times, but stayed on the job until they had enough lumber to build forms for the foundation of the building.

These men included George Fisher, forest ranger; Nephi Forman, Edd Moulton, James McNaughton, Fred G. Carlile, Charles Anderson, Henry McDonald, Alvin Johnston, Charles Carlile, Jessie Nelson, Dolphia Sessions, Hyrum Anderson and Forest Luke. Charlie and Hyrum Anderson were not ward members, but were experienced timber men and so were asked to head the project.

The actual work of building the meeting house began March 16, 1914, with James Heber Moulton as construction supervisor. Members of the building committee included John H. Luke, Elisha Cummings, John W. Giles, John D. Fisher, Joseph A. Murdoch, David A. Broadbent, James H. Moulton, Joseph A. Rasband, William A. Davis, Harry Morris, John E. Moulton, Henry L. McMullin and John W. Crook.

Working together, the members of the ward were able to put up the building in record time. By December 26, 1915 the building was ready for dedication. It was built to seat 400 people, and on the day of dedication, 390 persons were in attendance to hear Elder Frances M. Lyman of the Council of the Twelve offer the dedicatory prayer.

In his financial report, Bishop Rasband noted that the entire cost of the building, with furnishings, was \$19,415.74. For its time, it was considered the finest church building in the stake. Because of its central location, the Second Ward Chapel has been a favorite gathering place for community and civic functions.

With the building now nearly 50 years old, and with the need for a larger, more modern building, the bishopric is again making the ward "building fund conscious," and in the near future it is expected that another beautiful chapel will be constructed.

When Bishop Rasband was released in 1926, Henry Clay Cummings was called as the next bishop. He chose George Nelson and Leonard Giles as counselors and Dean Fortie as clerk. They served together until 1928 when Bishop Cummings was called to be a counselor in the Stake Presidency of the Wasatch Stake. Fredrick G. Carlile was sustained as the new bishop and he retained George Nelson and Leonard Giles as counselors. Reed Rasband later served as a counselor and J. Sylvan Rasband and Albert Crook were clerks.

Wendell Duke succeeded Bishop Carlile in 1939 and had as counselors Squire Simpson and Owen Buell with Jay McNaughton as clerk. They served together until 1944 when Leonard Giles was called as Bishop. Counselors to Bishop Giles included George Nelson, Robert S. Watson, Rulen Carlile, Walter Seiter and Floyd Kinsey. Clerks during this time were Rulen Carlile, Floyd Kinsey, Walter Seiter and Glen Moulton.

Bishop Nymphus C. Watson was sustained in 1951 with counselors Rulen Carlile and Walter Seiter. Glen Moulton was clerk. This bishopric served until 1954 when the ward was divided, creating the new Heber Fifth Ward. The dividing line between the two wards was an-

nounced as First North, with the Second Ward to include the portion between First North and Second South, west to the Provo River.

Don Hicken was sustained as bishop of the Second Ward after the division on Sept. 5, 1954. His counselors were J. Harold Call and Mark Fortie, with Clyde Muir and Raymond Jiacoletti as clerks. In 1958 Brother Call was sustained as stake president and Wayne Thacker was called as a new counselor in the bishopric. George Pitts succeeded Brother Muir as ward clerk.

Some of those who have served in leadership capacities during the years in the Second Ward are as follows:

RELIEF SOCIETY: Sarah E. Carlile, president from 1903 to 1919, with Margaret Murdock, Mima Broadbent, Rachel Giles, Mary E. Giles, Rachael A. Giles and Janett Duke as counselors and Sophia Luke, Amelia Carlile, Sarah Forman, Mary J. Duke and Emma Carlile, secretaries and treasurers. Other Relief Society presidents and the years in which they were sustained are as follows: Rachel A. Giles, 1919; Maybell Moulton, 1930; Emma J. Fortie, 1932; Florence Nelson, 1934; Ethel Watson, 1940; Luella Brienholt, 1943; Retta Murdock, 1944; Jennie Broadbent,



Shown here are Sunday School officers and teachers of the Heber Second Ward in 1907. Pictured are, front row, left to right, Lula Moulton Hicken, Verna Horrocks Epperson, Mary Buell Simkins, Gladys McMullin Davis, Ethel Duke Johnson and Maybell McMullin Moulton. Second row, Simon Epperson, Frank Epperson, A. L. Davis, superintendent, Alma S. Carlile and John Moulton. Back row, Harvard Hanks, Lena Roberts Murray, Sadie Murdock Henline, Ben Roberts, Lillian Cummings Moulton, Minnie Giles Hicken and Reno Crook.